

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 503

By Kurita

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Laurence Ray Kennedy
of Montgomery County.

WHEREAS, Mr. Kennedy was an exemplary citizen who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kennedy was a barber, a farmer, community leader and political advocate, in which positions he earned the respect of his peers and his fellow citizens alike for the exemplary quality of his work and his unswerving dedication to his fellow man; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kennedy lived all his life in Clarksville, Montgomery County, Tennessee, the town he loved; and

WHEREAS, although serving for more than forty years as a barber and running the Kennedy Walking Horse Farm for more than 50 years of its 100 year existence, where Laurence Kennedy was dedicated to raising quality Tennessee Walking Horses; and

WHEREAS, he was an advocate of strength for his professional clients and customers as well as a mentor to those with whom he associated; and

WHEREAS, Laurence Kennedy was a devoted member of the Spring Creek Baptist Church for over 60 years and served as choir director for a period of time; and

WHEREAS, he was deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Laurence Kennedy was preceded in death by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Porter Kennedy; and

WHEREAS, for fifty-one years he enjoyed the loving companionship of Sybil Chambliss Kennedy; and

WHEREAS, he was the proud parent of Glenn, Kevin, and Bruce Kennedy and he was absolutely devoted to his five grandchildren, Kevin Jr., Kenny, Katie, Lauren, and Leah; and

WHEREAS, he took great joy in the fact that his son Glenn is an accomplished educator with a master's degree and that his two other sons have become distinguished and prominent attorneys. Kevin and Bruce Kennedy practice law together at the Kennedy Law Firm in Clarksville; and

WHEREAS, Laurence Kennedy enjoyed horses, singing in the church, the discussion of political campaigns, races and issues and his family; and

WHEREAS, to his legion of friends, he was always generous with his time, resources, support and love, and he was always willing to lend a helping hand to those whom life had treated unkindly, such as with his benevolent generosity with the donation of horses to noteworthy organizations as the Special Olympics and the Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes; and

WHEREAS, Laurence Kennedy leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Laurence Ray Kennedy, reflecting fondly upon

his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Laurence Ray Kennedy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.